

HOUSE RESOLUTION 221

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sue O'Brien on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Sue O'Brien is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-seven years as the Director of the St. Clair Street Senior Center in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Brien will be taking a much deserved retirement on January 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, since assuming the directorship in 1981, Sue O'Brien has played a vital role in the development of an array of services and programs designed to enhance the quality of life while addressing the needs of those over the age of sixty; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the development and implementation of such programs as the Nurse on Duty program, the Adult Day Services, the Caregiver Resource and Education Center, the Kinship Parenting program, and the intergenerational AHEAD program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Brien's efforts have enabled the implementation of a broad spectrum of activities which promote fellowship, enrich artistic and intellectual development, and promote physical and mental well being, dignity, and independence; and

WHEREAS, under Sue O'Brien's leadership, the St. Clair Street Senior Center coordinates with more than fifty other community agencies to offer special events, health and education fairs, health screenings, education programs, home maintenance and chore upkeep, support groups, and many other services, most of which utilize a large network of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Director, Mrs. O'Brien has carefully cultivated the growth of the St. Clair Street Senior Center. In 1981, the Center offered services to 222 people, operated out of a 5,000 square feet building, utilized a budget of \$18,800, and had positions only for its Director and a part-time secretary; currently, the nine full-time and ten part-time staff members of the Center assist nearly five thousand individuals annually, operating out of a 30,000 square feet building and bringing to bear a budget of more than \$764,000; and

WHEREAS, Sue O'Brien exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Sue O'Brien our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.